

DEAF AND DUMB.

The Rival Methods of Teaching Mutes—The Failure of the "Articulation" Method.

A day or two ago, we presented a summary of the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for 1869.

"Much attention has been given to that of articulation. Believing that the system of teaching the deaf mute by signs, adopted by De l'Epee and improved by Sicard, was superior to that of Hahnke, the directors introduced it into this institution at its foundation, a half a century ago; and they have had no reason to regret the course then taken.

Dr. Peet, in his Report on European Institutions, 1852, page 265, says:—"On this head (instruction in articulation) I can but repeat and confirm the views expressed in the able report of Rev. George E. Day, made to the board seven years ago.

Professor Day says in his report, 1845, p. 167:—"The common testimony given by professors, clergymen, and gentlemen in other professions is, 'We cannot understand the whole, instruction in articulation is not given, or if attempted, is a complete failure.'"

Mr. Wild, in his "Report on European Institutions," 1846, p. 113, says:—"Such a system does not seem to me to be suited to the taste or the wants of our country. In regard to the former (Germany) I scarcely met with an intelligent person of any rank, even in Germany, who spoke of the articulation of the deaf and dumb with approbation.

The Rev. W. W. Turner, in the proceedings of the National Conference of Principals of Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, 1868, p. 69, says:—"There are many congenital deaf mutes who can be taught to utter a few plain, simple words, especially those whose enunciation is marked and sharp.

Rev. Collins Storer, in the Fifty-third Annual Report of the American Asylum, page 20, says:—"The instruction of the deaf and dumb has now been presented for something more than a hundred years. It has been conducted in the main by men distinguished for brilliant talents, sound judgment, and practical skill, as well as for Christian charity.

President Gallaudet, who two years ago spent several months in an examination of European schools, says (p. 46):—"Three teachers only, of whom I have consulted, claim success in articulation as attainable by the mass of the deaf mutes, and these admit that experience has not yet sustained their view."

The report then continues as follows:—"The accompanying letter from the gifted Miss Montgomery, a teacher in the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, cannot fail to be read with deep interest."

"In answer to your other question, whether I prefer the sign or written language to speech, I say most emphatically that I do. Indeed, aside from a reluctance which I cannot overcome, to use my vocal powers, they are so limited, and I speak with so much effort, mental and physical, that beyond a few sentences of commonplace, or a few words in an emergency, I rarely attempt to use my voice, and never succeed in making myself understood.

"The following paragraph is from the New York World of the 13th inst.:—"HARD ON THE DEAF MUTES. Some of the pupils of the institution for the improved instruction of the deaf mutes were up here to-day, and were able to do astonishing things in the way of understanding questions merely by observing the motions of the lips as they were uttered, and answering them audibly, as the result of a course of instruction in articulation unassisted by the ear.

"The schools are closed on the last Wednesday of June and reopened on the first Wednesday of September. Certain questions must be answered by the applicants for the bounty of the Commonwealth prior to their admission into the institution.

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acquiring a knowledge of articulation. And almost all semi-mutes who can speak, prefer holding conversation by signs or by writing. From all the information the committee obtained, and their own observation, they came unanimously to the conclusion that the education of deaf mutes is far more general, more thorough, more accurate, and less expensive by signs than by lip-reading, and that very few succeed in holding a conversation of any length by the reading of the lips.

This copious extract will fully satisfy our readers that the directors are fully alive to this important question, whether teaching articulation to the deaf is as advantageous as that of imparting instruction to them by the manual alphabet and by signs. We do not undertake to decide the question, but we commend the directors for their determination to impart more systematic instruction to their semi-mute and semi-deaf pupils in articulation.

The report contains a biographical sketch of the late Laurent Clerc, which we may hereafter notice. The terms of admission are \$250 a year, payable half yearly in advance. The indigent deaf mutes of the Commonwealth, between the ages of ten and twenty years, are supported by her; those of New Jersey and Delaware by those States.

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